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REPLY TO:  
P.O. Box 1358  
Englewood, Colorado 80110

March 5, 1984

Mr. Robert L. Duprey, Director  
Air and Waste Management Division  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Legion VIII  
1860 Lincoln Street  
Denver, Co. 80295

Dear Mr. Duprey:

This letter is in response to your inspectors review of our manifests at our site where 17 containers of waste cyanide solution remained longer than the 10 day period allowed by law.

The waste drums in question would have been picked up on November 28 or 29 by Chemical Waste Management but due to the "blizzard" we had in Denver the prior weekend the truck could not pick up our material in Denver. This act of God could not have been prevented and therefore we could not have the drums removed till the following week.

We will continue to comply with the regulation and feel we were and are complying with these regulations. However I don't believe anything could have prevented the delay or pick up of this waste cyanide solution.

If I can be of any service or answer any questions please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Very truly yours,  
ASHLAND CHEMICAL COMPANY

*Bob Baird*

Bob Baird  
District Manager

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cc: Ken Waesche-Colorado Dept of Health  
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